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SUBJ: USG EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE UN VOTING

REF: STATE 303856

1. IRAQI BAATH PARTY DAILY, ATH-THAWRA, REACTED ON JAN. 19 TO NEWS REPORTS THAT DEPT. OF STATE HAD SET UP A SPECIAL OFFICE TO ANALYZE POSITIONS TAKEN BY AFRICAN AND ASIAN STATES DURING LAST SESSION OF UNGA. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, USG WILL USE THESE ANALYSES TO REDUCE OR TERMINATE AID TO STATES THAT DO NOT ENDORSE USG'S POINT OF VIEW. ARTICLE ALSO ALLEGED THAT THREATS OF US ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST CERTAIN AFRICAN STATES HAD BROUGHT ABOUT DEADLOCK ON ANGOLA AT AFRICAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN ADDIS ABABA.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN DEEP-SEATED COMPLEXES OF IRAQIS ON SUBJECT OF WESTERN IMPERIALISM, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN TRANSMUTED IN THEIR MINDS INTO ECONOMIC NEO-IMPERIALISM, PUBLICITY ON USG DETERMINATION TO TAKE FIRMER LINE WITH STATES WHO VOTE AGAINST US AT UN UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE USEFUL RESULTS. TO EXTENT WE DECIDE TO APPLY SUCH PRESSURE, AS OUTLINED IN STATE 303856, BELIEVE WE SHOULD ACT QUIETLY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. PUBLICITY CONCERNING OUR EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE LDC'S WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR REGIMES LIKE IRAQ'S TO ACT MORE RATIONALLY AND REASONABLY AT THE
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